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I think this may be the lake we were looking at, or if not its close by

To: Shoshana.Bricklin@phila.gov

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Ladies and Gentleman,

I speak you to as a resident of Susquehanna Co, whose home is fifteen minutes from Dimock, where nine square miles of aquifer are contaminated by methane migration via natural gas drilling, where frack fluid recently has been found in Dimock wells and in wells in Lenox, another Susquehanna Co town. Several weeks ago 13 Lenox families filed a lawsuit claiming to have methane, and frack fluid in their wells as a result of natural gas extraction. There is a toddler with neurologic symptoms involved in this Lenox lawsuit. I bring one simple message, do not take your water, your air, public health for granted if you allow natural gas extraction in the Delaware Watershed. We in the Susquehanna Watershed never had a moratorium on drilling like you have, we in Susquehanna Co never had a public hearing to address and consider what was going on in Rifle Colorado, or in Dish Texas, two towns here natural gas extraction had been occurring several years before it began in Susquehanna Co. I am a land owner, I signed a lease because I believed what I was told by the industry: that the process is safe, the environment would not be harmed. I believed them. If I had simply googled natural gas extraction water contamination.....I would have NOT have signed the lease.

There are at least 46 private water wells in Susquehanna County contaminated by natural gas extraction, there are numerous wells contaminated in Bradford County PA. Please, do your research. **At this very moment there is methane bubbling up out of the Susquehanna riverbed in Bradford Co, that PA DEP Sec John Hanger stated is the result of natural gas activities about half a mile from the shoreline.** It is not just methane bubbling up, there could be benzene, heavy metals, radioactivity and other things from deep in the rock formation released by drilling floating downstream. If you do not want to risk methane bubbling up from the Delaware riverbed and floating downstream think twice about allowing hydraulic fracturing and natural gas extraction in your watershed. If you do not wish to address water and air quality issues, of compressor stations, eminent domain, pipeline safety issues highlighted by the most recent fatal tragedy in San Bruno CA, I urge you to google the facts before you gamble with your drinking water, your air and public health. Please, study what is happening in the Susquehanna Watershed, in Dimock, in West Virginia, in Ohio, in Colorado, Dish Texas and all our towns impacted by drilling. Look to non-industry funded scientific research to understand the total environmental impact to date of natural gas extraction. Please learn from the hardships being suffered in your sister watershed so that they do not fall upon you.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Roter

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